

mothers help ensure that the legacy of our fallen heroes will be forever remembered. On this day, we offer our deep gratitude and respect to our Nation's Gold Star Mothers; we honor the sons and daughters who died while wearing the uniform of the United States; and we pray for God's blessings on them, their mothers, and their families.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895 as amended), has designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in its observance.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 30, 2007, as Gold Star Mother's Day. I call upon all Government officials to display the flag of the United States over Government buildings on this solemn day. I also encourage the American people to display the flag and hold appropriate ceremonies as a public expression of our Nation's sympathy and respect for our Gold Star Mothers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 26.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 15

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 16

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Family Theater, they hosted a screening of "The Kite Runner."

September 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion Evan M. O'Dorney.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of Prime Minister John Compton of Saint Lucia on September 18 in Castries, Saint Lucia: Alphonso R. Jackson (head of delegation); and Mary Martin Ourisman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anita K. Blair to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael W. Hager to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Keith Hall to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General.

The President announced his intention to designate David H. McCormick as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced that he has designated Peter D. Keisler as Acting Attorney General.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Bret Baier of FOX News.

September 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister

Konstandinos Karamanlis of Greece to congratulate him on his September 17 reelection and to express his condolences for the loss of life during the August wildfires. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he participated in a briefing on the implementation of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reforms. He then greeted National Security Agency employees.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in an interview with Michael Barone of U.S. News and World Report, Tony Blankley of the Washington Times, David Brooks of the New York Times, Ron Kessler of NewsMax magazine, Charles Krauthammer of the Washington Post, William Kristol of the Weekly Standard, and Larry Kudlow, Kathryn Lopez, and Kate O'Beirne of the National Review. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year regional finalists.

September 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

The President announced that he has named Adam Belmar as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Communications for Production.

The President announced that he has named Spencer Geissinger as Deputy Assistant to the President for Advance and Operations.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from August 19–21.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 18

Anita K. Blair,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, vice William A. Navas, Jr., resigned.

Michael W. Hager,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), vice Robert Allen Pittman, resigned.

Keith Hall,
of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of 4 years, vice Kathleen P. Utgoff, term expired.

Withdrawn September 18

Anita K. Blair,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Michael L. Dominguez, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Submitted September 21

Michael B. Mukasey,
of New York, to be Attorney General, vice Alberto R. Gonzales, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.
